

COLUMBIA.

Tuesday Morning, July 2, 1876.

The Centennial Anniversary.
To-day is the centennial anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. The nations of the earth have glorified with their rarest tissues and the choicest specimens of their mechanical and artistic skill, the centennial exposition. In addition, however, to these most attractive features, the exposition has a profound interest for the people of the United States, as representing within its walls the material progress of the Republic during the past hundred years. But there is a sentiment superior to all the material triumphs that the exposition blazons to the world. It is one, too, which ought to be cherished by all classes of our people in a special manner on the hundredth birth-day of our national independence. Year after year the recurrence of the national anniversary has been celebrated by the ringing of bells the firing of cannon, by processions and speeches, by holiday excursions and by juvenile experiments in pyrotechnics. Of late years, nevertheless, in this popular observance of the day, one essential thing was wanting. This was to do appropriate honor to the memory of the founders of the Republic; to recall their names; depict in fitting words the spirit that animated them, the deeds they did, the sufferings they endured, and to dwell lovingly and thoughtfully on the great debt that succeeding generations have owed to them for the noble heritage of freedom which they had bequeathed. More than a year ago, the Baltimore Sun suggested that the local celebration of the centennial anniversary be made memorable by recounting on that day the salient incidents of the Revolutionary war; the causes that led to it, and the services of those who were prominent in laying solidly and well the foundation, of the Republic. In the older States there yet remains a rich mine of materials for history which has never been fully worked while in the newer States, men have arisen from time to time who, in

their day and generation, have also helped to mould our institutions and shape the policy of the Government. In consonance with these suggestions, the present Congress has passed resolutions, which President Grant has embodied in a proclamation, recommending that the people of the several States assemble in their counties or towns and cause to be delivered on Independence Day, "an historical sketch of said county or town from its formation," and that two copies of each sketch be made in print or manuscript, one to be filed in the clerk's office of the county and the other in the office of the Librarian of Congress. The recommendation, if acted upon, will, of course, include many sketches of public men and quite a number of incidents, of local if not of general public interest. The domestic history of the United States has yet to be written, and any sketches that throw light upon it, would be peculiarly appropriate to the day we are celebrating.

BRIEFLETS.—All over the State, Democratic Clubs are springing up. Keep them going by all means.

Mr. Albert Guerrey's excellent portrait of Gen. Lee has gone to the Centennial.

The steamship Charleston, with the Centennial visitors, arrived at New York, Sunday evening; and now for a frolic.

Another heavy auction sale of dry goods is going on in New York—Cochran, McLean & Co. Good prices.

"Columbia has a stalk of cotton with the second year's growth of foliage on it. Progressive Age." No small amount of lint will be obtained in Richland County this year from this unusual source.

It is said that Treasurer Cardozo was in New York last week, endeavoring to negotiate a loan to pay the interest on the State debt. It is not known upon what authority he seeks to do this, whether he succeeded. Meanwhile many of the State institutions yet home are going begging.

An aged couple, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Peopple, live in Barnwell. They were born in Gloucester County, on the James River, in Virginia. Mr. Peopple is 121 years old, and his wife is 123. This the oldest living couple in the United States.

ENJOYING THE 4TH.



1776!—1876!

The Fisherman.



The Fantastic.



The Military.



Going into the Country.



The Chicken Disputes.



For the Bibulist.



Overcome by the Heat.



At the Barbecue.



Terpsichorean Devotees.



How the Rich will Go It.

City Items.

To RENT.—A carriage house, with loft and stable attached. PHOENIX ADVERTISING RATES.—Only fifty cents a square.

THE RED X—Is an intimation that your subscription is out. Step up and renew.

WANTED.—A medium-sized hand printing press. Communicate with PHOENIX office.

JOB PRINTING.—You can get any style of job work done up in a hurry at PHOENIX office.

CHEAP NEWS.—\$1 for three months, is the subscription price to the DAILY PHOENIX.

GOV. CHAMBERLAIN—Is off again. He has gone to Georgetown to deliver an address.

HOW TO KEEP COOL TO-DAY. Go to Mr. McKenzie's, and experiment with his Arctic soda, ice cream, or water ice.

BARBECUES.—There will be a 'cue at the Fair Grounds to-day; another at Adams' Cut, and a private gathering for the same purpose at Sam. Garner's, in the Fork.

THE COURTS TO SETTLE IT.—The contract which Evans & Montague claim to have made with the W. C. & A. R. R., having been annulled, the former now threaten to go to law to recover damages.

FROLICS TO COME OFF.—There is to be a basket picnic, barbecue and dramatic entertainment at Leesville, Lexington County, on the 11th. And on Saturday, July 15, a barbecue, with public speaking, at Koon's Mill, Lexington County.

YOUNG ROWDIES.—A party of colored boys, who have for some time been nightly engaged in creating disturbances in the vicinity of the Young Men's Christian Association rooms, were routed last night, by Chief Radcliffe. The young scamps broke in the door, rushed through the building, smashed a window and made off, followed by a pistol ball.

SALE DAY.—As was expected, very little property passed under the hammer, yesterday. The sale of Congaree Bridge was again postponed. Dr. Neagle's horses were bought by Mrs. Neagle for \$300. A. B. Thompson bought a city lot for \$750. The Southern Life Insurance building and lot was sold for \$10,000, to Mrs. Virginia Clark and Mrs. Mary D. Melton. The rest of the property advertised was postponed.

"RED, WHITE AND BLUE."—To commemorate the Centennial Celebration of the Fourth of July, we exhibit the national colors in the PHOENIX, this morning—the printing in red and blue, the paper white. We also furnish a number of characteristic "illustrations," which, if not prepared "by our own artists," were certainly done by somebody else.

KEEPING UP THE FROLIC.—The principal business houses of New York and other large cities commenced the celebration of the "glorious Fourth" on Saturday afternoon last, and will keep it up until tomorrow afternoon. The Gold and Stock Exchanges in New York were also closed.

SUDDEN DEATH.—A highly respected colored man, named William Taylor, died suddenly, yesterday morning. He had been complaining of headache the day before. An inquest was held by Deputy Coroner Stratton, and a verdict of death from acute inflammation of the brain rendered. Billy formerly belonged to the Howell family, and was the body servant of Major J. M. Howell throughout the late war. He was an honest, upright man.

KILLING A CONVICT.—A colored convict, named Robert Arthur, escaped from the penitentiary, at an early hour Sunday morning, was pursued five or six miles on Camden road by the guard, and when overtaken, ran into the woods and refused to be taken, when he was fired upon and killed. Deputy Coroner Stratton held an inquest, and a verdict of "excusable homicide" rendered. Arthur was near seventy years old and came to the penitentiary from Kershaw.

THE BONANZA.—This Board has adjourned to September, having got through with fully half the business to come before it. The whole number of claims surrendered was 802, of which 15 have been returned to the owners as not being within the provisions of the Act, 787 remain. 377 have been allowed in full, 13 in part. The total amount surrendered was \$437,731.30. Total allowed so far \$91,909.53—which disposes of something over \$100,000 of the face value of the claims surrendered.